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Applicant: Wheeler et al

) Group Art: 3635

Application No.: 09/978,477

) Examiner: S. Varner

Filed: October 16, 2001

) Request for Continued

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Sir:

Please enter the following amendments in the above-identified United States
Patent application.

The Applicant requests a two-month extension of time for response beyond the
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Amendments to the claims begin on page 2.

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Effective 10/01/2003. Patent fees are subject to annual revision.

 Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

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